

**DODGE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
127 EAST OAK STREET
JUNEAU, WI 53039
DECEMBER 30, 2013**

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee met on December 30, 2013 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Nelson at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Ed Nelson, Gerald Adelmeyer, Howard Kriewald, MaryAnn Miller, Bill Muche, and John Schmid.

Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present: Marc Bethke, Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD) County Conservationist; John Bohonek, Dodge County Land Conservation Department Conservation Engineering Technician; Jim Mielke, Dodge County Administrator; and Rich Christian, USDA-Animal Damage Control Office in Waupun.

Others Present: Bill Boettge, Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association Board President.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING: Motion by Miller to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Schmid. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2013 meeting; seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS: Bill Boettge introduced himself to the committee, indicating that he is a member and president of the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association (BDLIA) Board, and that he was attending the meeting to observe the meeting. Mr. Boettge also informed the committee that the BDLIA has submitted an application to the Wisconsin DNR for a lake planning grant for the preparation of an overall lake management plan for Beaver Dam Lake.

AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS: There were no agency advisor reports.

REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUES: The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF CONSERVATION PLANS: There were no conservation plans to be approved and signed at this meeting.

REVIEW/APPROVE 2013 WILDLIFE CROP DAMAGE CLAIM PAYMENTS: Rich Christian presented the 2013 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) claims for committee review and approval. Fourteen farmers are eligible to receive a total of \$45,500.74 in crop damage claim payments under the 2013 WDACP Program. Motion by Kriewald to approve and sign the 2013 Dodge County WDACP claims as presented; seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

PRELIMINARY OVERVIEW OF FEBRUARY 13, 2014 WATER QUALITY EDUCATIONAL FORUM: Copies of a draft outline for a water quality educational forum to be held on February 13, 2014 were distributed for committee review and comment. Plans are to present information regarding how human land use activity impacts water quality, and what actions can be taken to better protect the quality of Dodge County's waters. It is anticipated that the forum will be about a three hour long afternoon session.

REVIEW AND APPROVE 2013 LAND AND WATER COST SHARE AGREEMENTS EXTENSION REQUEST: Marc Bethke presented a form requesting that the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) extend several signed, but not completed, 2013 Land & Water Resource Management cost-share contracts into 2014. Motion by Kriewald to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 2013 Land & Water Resource Management Cost-Share Extension Request; seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM: One Cancellation of Notice of Noncompliance under the Farmland Preservation Program was presented for committee action. Motion by Kriewald to authorize the Chair to sign a Cancellation of Notice of Noncompliance for Steven Grulke, Town of Theresa; seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT: Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached report).

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: Jim Mielke reported on items of discussion at the December 2013 meeting of the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District. The district continues to work on the channel dredging and sediment reduction project in the northern end of the lake. Activities regarding carp removal from Lake Sinissippi were also discussed. John Schmid reported on items discussed at the December meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, including the upcoming water quality educational forum on February 13, 2014, and concern over what to do about high nitrates in surface water and ground water around Fox Lake. Also discussed were water resources concerns related to a new development project on the south side of Fox Lake.

CORRESPONDENCE: Marc Bethke shared that the UW-Discovery Farms recently informed the department they are looking for one new Dodge County farm to add to their program for future study efforts. Also, several recently published news articles related to manure management were distributed for committee members to read.

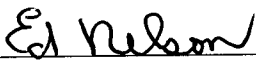
PER DIEMS: Motion by Kriewald, seconded by Muche to approve the regular per diems, in addition to the following:

- John Schmid – Fox Lake Inland Lake District Meeting on December 12, 2013 – per diem and nine miles.

Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 2014 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Kriewald to adjourn at 9:50 AM; seconded by Schmid. Motion carried.


Ed Nelson, Chair


Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

(BILLS)

USDA-APHIS- 3 rd Quarter 2013 Wildlife Crop Damage	
Abatement and Administration Expenses =	\$12,361.88
Office Max – Office Supplies =	\$ 72.24
Joe's Auto Service – Maintenance/Repairs to Blue S-10 =	\$ 35.99
Two Landowners – Land & Water Cost-Share Payments =	\$ 653.80
Wheeler's Laura's Lane Nursery – 25% Down payment on	
2014 Small Packet Trees =	\$ 3,899.00
Warmka Holsteins – Repayment of \$1,000 Technical Assistance	
Earnest Fee =	\$ 1,000.00
Pernat Haase Meats – 1 st Venison Donation Bill =	\$ 110.00
Robert Bird – December 2013 Expenses =	\$ 230.00
Leroy Meats of Horicon – 1 st Venison Donation Bill =	\$ 440.00
TOTAL =	\$18,802.91

(REVENUE)

53 – Small Packet Tree Sales Orders =	\$ 4,115.94
DATCP – Land & Water Cost-Share Reimbursements =	\$ 359.10
Erosion Material Sales =	\$ 50.00
Three Landowners – FPP Service Fee Payments =	\$ 75.00
One Landowner – FPP Late Certification Penalty Fee =	\$ 50.00
DNR – 3 rd Quarter Wildlife Crop Damage Program	
Expense Reimbursement =	\$12,361.88
TOTAL =	\$17,011.92

DECEMBER 2013 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:

- Spoke to the Dodge County Farm Bureau Board of Directors on November 18, 2013 regarding the importance of using nutrient and manure management practices on Dodge County farms
- Attended the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Board Meeting on December 3, 2013
- With input from staff and Jim Mielke, finalized and distributed a news release regarding winter manure spreading, using a variety of media outlets
- With the assistance and participation of Jeff Hoffman of the Dodge County UWEX office, have been making plans for a winter education forum focused on protecting water quality in Dodge County
- Reviewed and commented on a proposal by the Wisconsin DATCP to change the state's funding formula for allocating staffing grant funds to Wisconsin counties
- Committed the remaining 2013 state bond funding for land & water conservation practice installation to cost-share agreements before the end of the year
- Took three days of vacation during the week of the Thanksgiving holiday